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Title- U.S.-Brazil: business on diplomacy

Op-ed in business oriented Valor Econmico (8-10) states:  
"....Brazil and U.S. keep old divergences, like the rustproof U.S.  
tariff against the Brazilian ethanol and differences on trade  
negotiations at the World Trade Organization. Now, the  
U.S.-Colombia military deal, criticized in Brasilia, adds to the  
list. But the political relations between the two governments are  
doing well, and Washington is even trying to take trade advantages  
of it.....Barack Obama's administration now promises advantages to  
Brazil if it opts to buy Boeing's airplanes [on the Brazilian Air  
Force bid to buy new fighter planes]...It is tempting, but the  
Americans may have arrived too late. The incident with the  
Supertucanos [when the U.S. blocked Brazil from selling the planes  
to Venezuela] created a [level of] distrust where the U.S. could go  
back on its word if there is a change in the administration there,  
says a Brazilian minister. Nonetheless, on the political front the  
effort at rapprochement from both sides is visible....."  
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